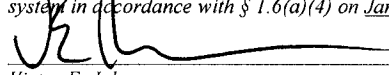


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Further to the NOTICE OF APPEAL filed June 6, 2008 and responsive to the Office Action of January 7, 2008, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. A petition for a five-month extension of time is submitted herewith along with the appropriate fee to extend the due date from August 6, 2008 to January 6, 2009. Also submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 4 of this paper.